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(*b*) if the Government are willing, how many in each case, in what localities of Nellore district and when ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) It is proposed to post a touring Veterinary Assistant Surgeon to Gudur in 1924–25 and, if funds permit, to open a Veterinary dispensary at Kavali in 1925–26.

Rao Bahadur A. S. Krishna Rao Pantulu :—" In view of the answer given in the latter part, may I ask the Minister for Development to be pleased to consider the desirability of starting it in as many centres as possible ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. Sivagnanam Pillai :—" I shall be quite prepared to do so to the extent to which present funds permit. But if more funds are available, I shall only be too glad to comply with the request."

Listed Posts.

12-30 p.m. 399 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the date from which the listed post of Settlement Secretary to the Board of Revenue was abolished ;

(*b*) whether any other post has been listed in its stead for officers of the Madras Provincial Civil Service and, if so, what post and from what date ; and

(*c*) whether the post of Secretary to the Government of India in the Law or any other department is included in the posts listed for the Madras Provincial Civil Service, and if so, from what date ?

A.—(*a*) The post in question was abolished with effect from the 24th February 1922.

(*b*) The matter is under reference to the Government of India.

(*c*) No posts in the Government of India are listed for the Madras Civil Service.

Listed Posts.

400 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state whether orders have been received from the Secretary of State for India that there should be no reduction of the number of listed posts in the Presidency ?

A.—The hon. Member apparently has in mind the Resolution of the Government of India, Home Department No. 2559, dated 1st December 1920, paragraph 9 of which runs as follows :—

" *Promotion from the Provincial Service.*—The Commission recommended some reduction in the number of 'listed' posts, but the Government of India have decided not to reduce the chances of promotion open to officers of the Provincial Service until they are in a position to appreciate more accurately than is possible at present the effect of the rules now framed regarding direct recruitment to the Indian Civil Service in India."

No further orders on the subject have been received.